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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: PLENARY SESSION MAY 10, 1974

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. INITIAL PLENARY OF THIRD ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS
TOOK PLACE ON MAY 10, 1974 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SOVIET
REP AMBASSADOR KHLESTOV AND HEARD STATEMENTS FROM NETHERLANDS
REP AMBASSADOR QUARLES (TEXT IN VIENNA 4155) AND CZECH REP
AMBASSADOR KLEIN, KLEIN VIEWED THE SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS AS
HAVING BEEN USEFUL IN CLARIFYING THE APPROACHES OF THE MBFR
PARTICIPANTS AND HOPED SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS TOWARD A REDUCTION
AGREEMENT COULD BE ACHIEVED DURING THE CURRENT ROUND. HE
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ASSERTED THAT THE EASTERN PROPOSAL OF 8 NOVEMBER 1973 PROVIDES

A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AND JUST BASIS FOR REDUCTIONS. HE STATED THAT EASTERN PROPOSAL WAS COMPREHENSIVE AND REFLECTED THE EXISTING REALITIES IN CENTRAL EUROPE. IN HIS RECAPITULATION OF THE EASTERN REDUCTION PROPOSAL, AMBASSADOR KLEIN MADE NO REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS EASTERN DEMANDS THAT ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS REDUCE THEIR FORCES FROM THE OUTSET. END SUMMARY. BEGIN TEXT.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

1. PERMIT ME FIRST TO EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION AT THE FACT THAT WE ARE ALL MEETING AGAIN AT THIS CONFERENCE TABLE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE OUR SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO THOSE IMPORTANT TASKS WHICH OUR PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS HAVE SET US.

2. IN CONCLUDING THE SECOND ROUND OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS, WE ALL CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WAS USEFUL BECAUSE WE SUCCEEDED, IN SERIOUS AND BUSINESSLIKE DISCUSSION, IN TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE CLARIFYING AND BECOMING MORE DEEPLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPROACH OF THE SIDES TO THE QUESTION OF THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THIS ROUND HELPED TO MAKE KNOWN IN A MORE INTELLIGIBLE FORM THE FRAMEWORK AND CONTOURS OF THE INDIVIDUAL PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD FOR DISCUSSION.

3. THE WORK WHICH WE HAVE DONE HAS IN OUR OPINION FURNISHED SUFFICIENT INFORMATION FOR IT TO HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE, DURING THE RECESS WHICH WE HAVE COMPLETED, TO ANALYSE AND ASSESS THE SITUATION IN WHICH WE NOW ARE. IT IS EVIDENT THAT WE ARE ALL AGREED THAT IT IS NOW ESSENTIAL FOR US TO MAKE A FURTHER STEP FORWARD AND TO PROCEED TO SPECIFIC DECISIONS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMEMENTS.

4. AS YOU ALL KNOW, DURING OUR RECESS THERE TOOK PLACE IN WARSAW A MEETING OF THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE WARSAW PACT, WHICH CONCENTRATED ITS ATTENTION PRIMARILY ON QUESTIONS OF THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN OUR CONTINENT. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT "THE TENDENCY TOWARDS THE RELAXATION OF TENSION IS AT PRESENT THE DOMINANT FEATURE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE AND IN THE WORLD
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AS A WHOLE" AND THAT "IN THE PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THE PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF STATE WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL STRUCTURES IS MORE AND MORE WIDELY ESTABLISHED." THE STATES REPRESENTED AT THE WARSAW MEETING, PROCEEDING FROM THE ABOVE ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION, CALLED ON STATESMEN AND POLITICIANS TO DIRECT THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS A FURTHER RELAXATION OF TENSION IN EUROPE. IN THAT OUR NEGOTIATIONS ARE AN INALIENABLE PART OF THIS PROCESS, WE HOPE THAT THIS APPEAL

WILL FIND A POSITIVE RESPONSE AND REFLECTION IN THE COURSE
OF OUR WORK.

5. THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AT WARSAW AGAIN REAFFIRMED THE NECESSITY
OF SUPPLEMENTING POLITICAL DETENTE IN EUROPE WITH
MILITARY DETENTE, WHICH HAS BEEN THE AIM OF THE DELEGATIONS OF
THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE VIENNA
NEGOTIATIONS.

6. IN THIS RESPECT THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING AGAIN REAFFIRMED
THE POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES
AND ARMAMENTS IN EUROPE REFLECTED IN THE PRAGUE DECLARATION
ON PEACE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE WHICH THEY ADOPTED
IN JANUARY 1972.

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7. THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP CONVICTION THAT "THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY OF ANY OF THE SIDES PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS - TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SECURITY OF ALL THE STATES OF EUROPE - PROVIDES THE FULL POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING A CONSTRUCTIVE UNDERSTANDING ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS".

8. AS THE DELEGATIONS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE REPEATEDLY EMPHASISED IN THE COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSION, NO ONE MUST OBTAIN UNILATERAL MILITARY ADVANTAGES AND BENEFITS AS A RESULT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

9. IT WAS FROM THIS ASPECT THAT WE EXAMINED, IN THE COURSE OF THE RECESS, THE APPROACHES, POSITIONS AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS WHICH
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HAVE APPEARED IN THE COURSE OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS. WE AGAIN CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY THE FOUR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FULLY CORRESPONDS TO THAT BASIC PRINCIPLE. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THIS DRAFT IS A GOOD AND REALISTIC BASIS IN THE SEARCH FOR A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AND JUST SOLUTION. THIS CONVICTION OF OURS IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE DRAFT APPROPRIATELY REFLECTS THE EXISTING REALITIES IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES WHICH HAS DEVELOPED IN THIS CONTINENT, AND GUARANTEES ITS PRESERVATION AT A LOWER LEVEL. THE REALISM OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT LIES IN ITS COMPREHENSIVENESS, AND IN THE FACT THAT IT INCLUDES REDUCTION OF ALL NATIONAL AND FOREIGN ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENT IN THE ALREADY AGREED REGION, INCLUDING GROUND TROOPS, AIR FORCES AND UNITS AND SUB-UNITS EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ON AN EQUAL PERCENTAGE BASIS.

10. THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION IS CONVINCED THAT IF IN THE COURSE OF OUR FURTHER WORK THE BASIC PROVISIONS OF OUR JOINT DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, WE WILL BE ABLE IN THE SHORTEST TIME TO REALIZE CONCRETE MEASURES CONCERNING A REAL REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS.

11. THE DELEGATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC IS READY IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT TO HELP OUR NEGOTIATIONS MOVE FORWARD IN A DIRECTION OF THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AGREEMENT ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. WE HOPE THAT THE EXCELLENT BUSINESSLIKE ATMOSPHERE WHICH WE HAVE NOTED WILL HELP US OVERCOME THE DISAGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE EXISTED UNTIL NOW, AND THAT IT WILL PROMOTE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CONCRETE RESULTS. END TEXT.HUMES

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